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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF PAYING 20 PERCENT 5 TH FREEDOM SURCHARGE
ON ANOTHER NEW FREQUENCY

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1. BRANIFF LAWYER DEL SOLAR HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT BRANIFF IS PAYING THE 20 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON FIFTH FREEDOM FARES LIMA-BOGOTA ON A NEW FREQUENCY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BRANIFF HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO PAY THE SURTAX AND DOES NOT WISH TO BE CONSIDERED ACTING IN VIOLATION OF AIR BILATERAL. HE ALSO TOLD THE FAA REGIONAL REP THAT BRANIFF WOULD CONTINUE TO PAY FOR 60 DAYS WHILE SEEKING REDRESS. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH BRANIFF IS NOW PAYING THE SURTAX ON TWO FREQUENCIES, THE COMPANY IS STILL AT A COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE OVER MOST OF ITS COMPETITORS, MANY OF WHOM ARE PAYING THE SURTAX ON MOST OR ALL OF THEIR FREQUENCIES. (THE SURTAX IS LEVIED ON NEW FREQUENCIES, OR, IN THE CASE OF PERMIT RENEWALS, ON ALL FREQUENCIES.) THE GOP STATED PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY THAT THE SURTAX IS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO BRIDGE THE REVENUE GAP UNTIL PERU HAS ITS OWN INTERNATIONAL LINE; AS AEROPERU HAS NOW BEEN FORMED AND PLANS TO BEGIN INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS WITHIN AYEAR, THIS INTERIM PERIOD WOULD PROBABLY END BEFORE BRANIFF'S OVERALL PERUVIAN OPERATING PERMIT EXPIRES IN 1975. BELCHER

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